

## NEW BIRDS IN THE PHILATELIC AVIARY - Charles E. Braun -BU 1364

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About twice a year, J. F. Clements issues a summary of ornithological research that affects his checklist, which we follow in *Biophilately*. The changes from July 15, 2004, that affect birds on stamps are summarized below:

Amsterdam Albatross is now a subspecies of Wandering Albatross (010.001), *Diomedea exulans amsterdamensis*.

Variable Hawk has been split into two species: Red-Backed Hawk, *Buteo polyosoma* and Puna Hawk, *Buteo poecilochrous*. The birds on the two Falkland Islands issues (Scott 307 and 839) are Red-Backed Hawks (030.184).

The English name of *Columba livia* (072.001) has been changed to Rock Pigeon.

The English name of *Columba oenas* (072.006) has been changed to Stock Dove.

The English name of *Ploceus velatus* has been changed to Southern Masked-Weaver. The species has been split into three species, two of which are on stamps:

Southern Masked-Weaver, *Ploceus velatus* (192.041.000) is shown on Botswana, 1982, 303, 1t, Liberia, 1996, 35 cents and St. Thomas and Principe 1983, 731, 3d and 1991, 2500d. Vitelline Masked-Weaver, *Ploceus vitellinus* (192.041.100) is shown on Djibouti, 1977, 463,100 francs, Mali, 1977, 275, 30 francs and Sierra Leone, 1992 and 1994, 150 leones.

The scientific name of Zebra Waxbill (193.065) has been changed to *Sporaeeginthus subflavuis*.

The scientific name of Locustfinch (193.068) has been changed to *Paludipasser locustella*.

The scientific name of Trumper Finch (196.130) has been changed to *Bucanetes githaginia*.

The scientific name of Rufous-naped Brush-Finch (202.245) has been changed to *Atlapetes latinuchus*.

### New Birds

The Bicolored Hawk included in this listing was incorrectly identified as a Rufous-thighed Kite in *Biophilately* 49:1, page 40 and 49:2, page 108. Ironically, the Rufous-thighed Kite need not be removed from the "Aviary" as it appears on a new issue from Surinam to be written up in the next *Biophilately*.



#### BICOLORED HAWK, *Accipiter bicolor* Accipitridae (030.138)

Surinam, 1998, 1137, 2.25g

Length: 12 to 15 inches, sexes alike, resident. Slate gray above and paler below with a dark crown and wings and rufous thighs.

Habitat: forests. Range: Southern Mexico to northern Argentina.

Reference: del Hoyo, J., A. Elliott and J. Sargatal, Eds. Handbook of the Birds of the World, Volume 2.



**LITTLE SWIFT, *Apus affinis*** Apodidae (084.094) Tanzania, 2004, not yet cataloged, 550 shillings

Length: 5 inches, sexes alike, mostly resident but birds in the colder regions winter in warmer areas. Blackish with a white rump, pale throat and square tail.

Habitat: buildings, gorges and rocky crags.

Range: Morocco to Sri Lanka and sub-Saharan Africa.

Reference: Chantler, P. and G. Driessens. Swifts



**THEKLA LARK, *Galerida theklae*** Alaudidae (122.079) Portugal, 2004, not yet cataloged, 0.58 euro

Length: 7 inches, sexes alike, resident. Brownish above and white below with streaked breast and erect crest.

Habitat: rural scrub.

Range: Southern France to northern Morocco and northern Kenya.

Reference: Etchecopar, R. D. and F. Hue. The Birds of North Africa.